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St. Lawrence River attracts thousands of

region, and Round Island is one of the above Alexandria Bay and one and one-The island is controlled by and Park Company, of which the following are boats and landed near a point where the It stands on an elevated spot the house to the river and a broad plazza, eautiful, and when night has cast a mantl charming picture the place is illuminated

cessible, and finally the place had improved to such an extent that more healthy people were attracted by its heauties than invalids by its waters.

The Spring House is the main hotel of the place. It is complete in all its appointments, and the guests who spend the season there in search of health or on pleasure bent find nothing lacking which could conduce to their comfort or their enjoyment. For those who come to use the waters there are ample bathing facilities, the new bathing pavilion being one of the most complete establishments of the kind in the world. For the pleasure-seekers there are concerts every morning and evening. There are trained saddle horses for those who wish to ride over the fine roads. In the beautiful park surrounding the Spring House are tennis courts, croquet grounds and large lawns. The neighboring streams furnish sport for the fisherman, and the smooth roads all about the place make wheeling a delightful recreation. There are churches of all denominations in the village, and the village stores carry good stocks of merchandise at reasonable prices. Through drawing-room car trains leave New-York every morning except Sundays on the New-York central and Hudson River Rallroad for Richfield Springs.

TREMPER HOUSE, ULSTER COUNTY.

The Tremper House, Phoenicia, Ulster County, N. Y., is one of the attractions of the Catskill Mountains. It is in the heart of the mountains, but may be reached without wearisome climbing or slow wheeling. It is on the line of the Ulster and Delawheeling. It is on the line of the Uister and Delaware Railroad, and the trip is one of the most enjoyable out of New-York. The evening line steamers to Kingston, which leave West Tenth-st. New-York, or the Albany day line steamers, make close connections, and visitors to the mountain resort can reach the place in four hours from New-York. The hotel is situated on a plateau and in the shadow of the wooded mountains. It is built in the modern style of architecture and has accommodations for 300 guests. Pure water from springs on the hotel property, fresh vegetables from the hotel dairy are among the features of the hotel which make it attractive to those who look for health as well as for recreation. The elevation of the hotel above the surrounding plain gives it perfect drainage, and exempts it from the dangers arising from defects in that particular. The plumbing is of the most improved kind, and every point looking toward the health and comfort of guests has been carefully studied by the managers. The house is lighted by gas and all rooms are supplied with electric bells. The grounds are laid out in pleasant walks and paths to all points of interest, and the drives are of a superior character. There are several cottages on the hotel grounds, having gas, water, electric bells and all house conveniences. These cottages are rented to summer guests, who receive the service of the hotel there as well as they would in the hotel proper. Connected with the house is a complete livery stable, and accommodations for boarding the horses of guests, also store rooms for bicycles and children's carriages. There are tennis courts, ball, croquet and archery grounds, and for those who desire indoor amusements there are billiard rooms and a bowling alley. The house will be open for the season on or about June 20.

### A HAT WITH A HISTORY.

From The Portland (Me.) Press. From The Portland (Me.) Press.

Night Officer Newcomb 'as assailed last evening with the question, "Wb'e did you get that hat?" It was a summer hat 'ade of paimleaf, a good hat for a hot day. A 'all hat, a three-decker sort of an affair made up 'a hand, and in 1896. Thomas K. Lane, locally known as "Long Tom Lane," were it proudly through the streets of Portland.

When that hat was built it was made to last. Then people bought hats with a view to service, and they expected a hat to outlast more than one life. It became a sort of family helricom, to be sent down with the family silver and the family picture.

sent down with the family silver and the family picture.

The hat was made for Long Tom Lane in 1806, by Stillman B. Newcomb, and the young man paid \$5 for it. It was handsomely lined and made an imposing appearance.

Tears came and went. The war of 1812 was fought out and still the hat was as good as new. Andrew Jackson was elected President, and the hat was a new hat still. Jackson "crushed the monster," meaning the old United States Bank, but the weather of New-England had no effect on that hat. Van Buren was elected, and then the campaign of 1840 was fought out, and still the hat was on deck.

Horace Greeley founded The Tribune, Banks assailed Sumner, Cyrus W. Field laid the cable, gold was discovered in California, Fremont ran for President, John Brown organized his raid, Lincoln was elected President, the South inaugurated the Civil War, but still that hat was about the same hat it had been all through its history, but the young fellow of sixteen, back in 1895, was getting along in years, and he gave the hat to Danforth Newcomb.

From 1800 to 1896 the hat remained the property

along in years, and he gave the hat or laminot Newcomb. From 1860 to 1896 the hat remained the property of the second owner, and last week Mr. Danforth-Newcomb gave it to his brother, who proposes to have it relined and generally fitted up. He doesn't propose to wear it right along, but only occasionally. It is a good hat yet a better hat than any other Power of man will own this year, and is a lasting evidence that in the good old days people made things to last, and that their work was like them in the good of the second was like them in the good of the second was like them in the good of the second was like them in the good of the second was like them in the good of the second was like them in the good of the second was like them in the good of the

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number of Russian notabilities, two nev ups, the Gilyak and the General Admira cin, were launched on the Neva.

the ship, and the belts inclose the citadel. The armor belt armament, in addition to the secondary battery, will include four twelve-inch and tweive six-inch breech-loading rifles.

The new naval work of the Italian Government is much delayed because of the difficulty of obtaining money to carry it on. It is asserted that the recent sale of the Garibaldi to the Argentine Government sale of the Garlbaldi to the Argentine Government was really a necessity, and the Varene, a sister ship, would also have been soid had there not been so much opposition manifested from the press and the Parliament. The work in the several yards has not only been suspended in part, but the laying down of the two proposed new cruisers, Principe di Napell and the Regina Marcherlia, has been postponed indefinitely, as has also the building of the vessel to take the place of the Garibaldi.

The new coast-defence vessel Odin, for the Swed-The new coast-defence vessel Odin, for the Swed-ish navy, which was launched at Stockholm on March 9, is 279 feet in length, and has a displace-ment of 3,346 tons. She will have a speed of six-teen knots. Her armament will consist of two 9.8-inch Canet guns, mounted in turrets; four 47-inch rapid-firing guns, in casemates; four six-pounders, four one-pounders and two machine-guns, and one submerged bow torpedo tube.

The French Minister of Marine has offered a prize of 10,000 francs for the best design of a submarine of 10,000 francs for the test design of a submarine torpedo-boat. The minimum requirements are a speed of twelve knots on the surface, with a radius of action of 100 miles: a speed of eight knots when submerged, with a radius of action of ten miles; two torpedoes, ready for launching, to be carried, and a total displacement not to exceed 200 tons. If there should be several designs submitted of a meritorious character, additional prizes of less amount may be given to the unsuccessful competitors who present them.

The French have recently completed a hospital ship, named the Saint-Pierre, which is built on beautiful yacht-like lines. Strange to say, she is not provided with any other means of propulsion than the sails on her three masts. She is intended than the sails on her three masts. She is intended for the present exclusively for service among the fishing boats on the Banks of Newfoundland, to afford them religious and medical succor. To make her presence known in fors, she carries a loud bell, a powerful siren worked by an arrangement of bellows, and a tiny piece of ordnance. She is only 120 feet in length, and her crew will consist of a chaplain, a surgeon, a captain, two other officers, and about fifteen sailors.

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